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SUBJ: LEBANON RELIEF: SYG APPEAL

REF: A) USUN 5315 B) SEIFMAN-SWEET-NANCE TELECON OF NOVEMBER
15, 1976

1. WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SYG'S APPEAL, BUFFUM'S
OFFICE ADVISED MISOFF THAT FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL SAOUMA,
IN REACTIVATING THE FAO/WFP EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM, WILL
AUTHORIZE \$4.7 MILLION FOR NEXT MONTH.

2. BUFFUM MET LAST WEEK WITH ROBINSON (WFP) AND WEITZ
(FAO) IN NEW YORK ON GENERAL PARAMETERS OF FOOD RELIEF
PROGRAM. AT THAT MEETING FAO AND WFP INDICATED THEY
COULD MANAGE MOST OF THE IMMEDIATE FOOD NEEDS FROM
EXISTING RESOURCES. HOWEVER, THERE HAVE BEEN RECENT
INQUIRIES FROM LEBANESE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR
ADDITIONAL INPUTS. WE WILL FOLLOW UP ON THIS INFORMATION,
AS AVAILABLE TO US, BUT OUR PRESENT UNDERSTANDING IS
THAT THE NATURE AND ORDERS-OF-MAGNITUDE WOULD BE:

A) 40,000 METRIC TONS (MT) WHEAT SEEDS, B) 5,000
MT POTATO SEEDS AND 40,000 MT FERTILIZER. (ROUGH
ESTIMATE OF THIS PACKAGE IN CASH OR IN KIND IS ABOUT
\$10.0 MILLION.)

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3. BUFFUM HAS BEEN IN CONTACT AND WORKING CLOSELY WITH MINISTER TUENI WHO IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR AID COORDINATION TO DISPLACED PEOPLE IN LEBANON. LEBANESE REP BANNA IN GENEVA, WILL BE ATTENDING NOVEMBER 22ND GENEVA MEETING AND LEBANESE ARE FULL APPRISED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF QUICKLY ESTABLISHING GOL CAPABILITIES IN RELIEF DISTRIBUTION.

4. WITH REGARD TO PERSONNEL IN LEBANON UNHCR HAS TWO PEOPLE ON MISSION IN LEBANON, AND UNICEF WILL HAVE A REP ANDERSON FROM HEADQUARTERS IN BEIRUT ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD.
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